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# H. J. RES. 96

To approve the 2023 Agreement to Amend the U.S.-FSM Compact, and related agreements, between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Federated States of Micronesia, the 2023 Agreement to Amend the U.S.-RMI Compact, and certain related agreements between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the 2023 U.S.-Palau Compact Review Agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Palau, to appropriate funds to carry out the agreements, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 2, 2023

Mr. WESTERMAN (for himself, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. MEEKS, and Mr. McCAUL) submitted the following joint resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committees on Foreign Affairs, Education and the Workforce, Veterans' Affairs, Oversight and Accountability, Agriculture, and Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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## JOINT RESOLUTION

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Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the 2023 U.S.-Palau Compact Review Agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Palau, to appropriate funds to carry out the agreements, and for other purposes.

Whereas the United States (in accordance with the Trusteeship Agreement for the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, the United Nations Charter, and the objectives of the international trusteeship system of the United Nations) fulfilled its obligations to promote the development of the people of the Trust Territory toward self-government or independence, as appropriate, to the particular circumstances of the Trust Territory and the people of the Trust Territory and the freely expressed wishes of the people concerned;

Whereas the United States, the Federated States of Micronesia, and the Republic of the Marshall Islands entered into the Compact of Free Association set forth in section 201 of the Compact of Free Association Act of 1985 (48 U.S.C. 1901 note; Public Law 99–239) and the United States and the Republic of Palau entered into the Compact of Free Association set forth in section 201 of Public Law 99–658 (48 U.S.C. 1931 note) to create and maintain a close and mutually beneficial relationship;

Whereas the “Compact of Free Association, as amended, between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Federated States of Micronesia”, the “Compact of Free Association, as amended, between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of the Marshall Islands”, and related agreements were signed by the Government of the United States and the Governments of

the Federated States of Micronesia and the Republic of the Marshall Islands and approved, as applicable, by section 201 of the Compact of Free Association Amendments Act of 2003 (48 U.S.C. 1921 note; Public Law 108–188);

Whereas the “Agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Palau Following the Compact of Free Association Section 432 Review”, was signed by the Government of the United States and the Government of the Republic of Palau on September 3, 2010, and amended on September 19, 2018;

Whereas, on May 22, 2023, the United States signed the “Agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Palau Resulting From the 2023 Compact of Free Association Section 432 Review”;

Whereas, on May 23, 2023, the United States signed 3 agreements related to the U.S.-FSM Compact of Free Association, including an Agreement to Amend the Compact, as amended, a new fiscal procedures agreement, and a new trust fund agreement and on September 28, 2023, the United States signed a Federal Programs and Services agreement related to the U.S.-FSM Compact of Free Association; and

Whereas, on October 16, 2023, the United States signed 3 agreements relating to the U.S.-RMI Compact of Free Association, including an Agreement to Amend the Compact, as amended, a new fiscal procedures agreement, and a new trust fund agreement: Now, therefore, be it

1        *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*  
2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4        This joint resolution may be cited as the “Compact  
5 of Free Association Amendments Act of 2023”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7        In this joint resolution:

8            (1) 1986 COMPACT.—The term “1986 Com-  
9 pact” means the Compact of Free Association be-  
10 tween the Government of the United States and the  
11 Governments of the Marshall Islands and the Fed-  
12 erated States of Micronesia set forth in section 201  
13 of the Compact of Free Association Act of 1985 (48  
14 U.S.C. 1901 note; Public Law 99–239).

15            (2) 2003 AMENDED U.S.-FSM COMPACT.—The  
16 term “2003 Amended U.S.-FSM Compact” means  
17 the Compact of Free Association amending the 1986  
18 Compact entitled the “Compact of Free Association,  
19 as amended, between the Government of the United  
20 States of America and the Government of the Fed-  
21 erated States of Micronesia” set forth in section  
22 201(a) of the Compact of Free Association Amend-  
23 ments Act of 2003 (48 U.S.C. 1921 note; Public  
24 Law 108–188).

1           (3) 2003 AMENDED U.S.-RMI COMPACT.—The  
2 term “2003 Amended U.S.-RMI Compact” means  
3 the Compact of Free Association amending the 1986  
4 Compact entitled “Compact of Free Association, as  
5 amended, between the Government of the United  
6 States of America and the Government of the Re-  
7 public of the Marshall Islands” set forth in section  
8 201(b) of the Compact of Free Association Amend-  
9 ments Act of 2003 (48 U.S.C. 1921 note; Public  
10 Law 108–188).

11           (4) 2023 AGREEMENT TO AMEND THE U.S.-FSM  
12 COMPACT.—The term “2023 Agreement to Amend  
13 the U.S.-FSM Compact” means the Agreement be-  
14 tween the Government of the United States of  
15 America and the Government of the Federated  
16 States of Micronesia to Amend the Compact of Free  
17 Association, as Amended, done at Palikir May 23,  
18 2023.

19           (5) 2023 AGREEMENT TO AMEND THE U.S.-RMI  
20 COMPACT.—The term “2023 Agreement to Amend  
21 the U.S.-RMI Compact” means the Agreement be-  
22 tween the Government of the United States of  
23 America and the Government of the Republic of the  
24 Marshall Islands to Amend the Compact of Free As-

1       sociation, as Amended, done at Honolulu October  
2       16, 2023.

3               (6) 2023 AMENDED U.S.-FSM COMPACT.—The  
4       term “2023 Amended U.S.-FSM Compact” means  
5       the 2003 Amended U.S.-FSM Compact, as amended  
6       by the 2023 Agreement to Amend the U.S.-FSM  
7       Compact.

8               (7) 2023 AMENDED U.S.-RMI COMPACT.—The  
9       term “2023 Amended U.S.-RMI Compact” means  
10      the 2003 Amended U.S.-RMI Compact, as amended  
11      by the 2023 Agreement to Amend the U.S.-RMI  
12      Compact.

13              (8) 2023 U.S.-FSM FEDERAL PROGRAMS AND  
14      SERVICES AGREEMENT.—The term “2023 U.S.-FSM  
15      Federal Programs and Services Agreement” means  
16      the 2023 Federal Programs and Services Agreement  
17      between the Government of the United States of  
18      America and the Government of the Federated  
19      States of Micronesia, done at Washington September  
20      28, 2023.

21              (9) 2023 U.S.-FSM FISCAL PROCEDURES AGREE-  
22      MENT.—The term “2023 U.S.-FSM Fiscal Proce-  
23      dures Agreement” means the Agreement Concerning  
24      Procedures for the Implementation of United States  
25      Economic Assistance provided in the 2023 Amended

1 U.S.-FSM Compact between the Government of the  
2 United States of America and the Government of  
3 the Federated States of Micronesia, done at Palikir  
4 May 23, 2023.

5 (10) 2023 U.S.-FSM TRUST FUND AGREE-  
6 MENT.—The term “2023 U.S.-FSM Trust Fund  
7 Agreement” means the Agreement between the Gov-  
8 ernment of the United States of America and the  
9 Government of the Federated States of Micronesia  
10 Regarding the Compact Trust Fund, done at Palikir  
11 May 23, 2023.

12 (11) 2023 U.S.-PALAU COMPACT REVIEW  
13 AGREEMENT.—The term “2023 U.S.-Palau Compact  
14 Review Agreement” means the Agreement between  
15 the Government of the United States of America  
16 and the Government of the Republic of Palau Re-  
17 sulting From the 2023 Compact of Free Association  
18 Section 432 Review, done at Port Moresby May 22,  
19 2023.

20 (12) 2023 U.S.-RMI FISCAL PROCEDURES  
21 AGREEMENT.—The term “2023 U.S.-RMI Fiscal  
22 Procedures Agreement” means the Agreement Con-  
23 cerning Procedures for the Implementation of  
24 United States Economic Assistance Provided in the  
25 2023 Amended Compact Between the Government of

1 the United States of America and the Government  
2 of the Republic of the Marshall Islands, done at  
3 Honolulu October 16, 2023.

4 (13) 2023 U.S.-RMI TRUST FUND AGREE-  
5 MENT.—The term “2023 U.S.-RMI Trust Fund  
6 Agreement” means the Agreement between the Gov-  
7 ernment of the United States of America and the  
8 Government of the Republic of the Marshall Islands  
9 Regarding the Compact Trust Fund, done at Hono-  
10 lulu October 16, 2023.

11 (14) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CON-  
12 GRESS.—The term “appropriate committees of Con-  
13 gress” means—

14 (A) the Committee on Energy and Natural  
15 Resources of the Senate;

16 (B) the Committee on Foreign Relations of  
17 the Senate;

18 (C) the Committee on Natural Resources  
19 of the House of Representatives; and

20 (D) the Committee on Foreign Affairs of  
21 the House of Representatives.

22 (15) FREELY ASSOCIATED STATES.—The term  
23 “Freely Associated States” means—

24 (A) the Federated States of Micronesia;

1 (B) the Republic of the Marshall Islands;  
2 and

3 (C) the Republic of Palau.

4 (16) SUBSIDIARY AGREEMENT.—The term  
5 “subsidiary agreement” means any of the following:

6 (A) The 2023 U.S.-FSM Federal Pro-  
7 grams and Services Agreement.

8 (B) The 2023 U.S.-FSM Fiscal Proce-  
9 dures Agreement.

10 (C) The 2023 U.S.-FSM Trust Fund  
11 Agreement.

12 (D) The 2023 U.S.-RMI Fiscal Procedures  
13 Agreement.

14 (E) The 2023 U.S.-RMI Trust Fund  
15 Agreement.

16 (F) Any Federal Programs and Services  
17 Agreement in force between the United States  
18 and the Republic of the Marshall Islands.

19 (G) Any Federal Programs and Services  
20 Agreement in force between the United States  
21 and the Republic of Palau.

22 (H) Any other agreements that the United  
23 States may from time-to-time enter into with  
24 the Government of the Federated States of Mi-  
25 cronesia, the Government of the Republic of

1 Palau, or the Government of the Republic of  
2 the Marshall Islands, in accordance with—

3 (i) the 2023 Amended U.S.-FSM  
4 Compact;

5 (ii) the 2023 U.S.-Palau Compact Re-  
6 view Agreement; or

7 (iii) the 2023 Amended U.S.-RMI  
8 Compact.

9 (17) U.S.-PALAU COMPACT.—The term “U.S.-  
10 Palau Compact” means the Compact of Free Asso-  
11 ciation between the United States and the Govern-  
12 ment of Palau set forth in section 201 of Public  
13 Law 99–658 (48 U.S.C. 1931 note).

14 **SEC. 3. APPROVAL OF 2023 AGREEMENT TO AMEND THE**  
15 **U.S.-FSM COMPACT, 2023 AGREEMENT TO**  
16 **AMEND THE U.S.-RMI COMPACT, 2023 U.S.-**  
17 **PALAU COMPACT REVIEW AGREEMENT, AND**  
18 **SUBSIDIARY AGREEMENTS.**

19 (a) FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA.—

20 (1) APPROVAL.—The 2023 Agreement to  
21 Amend the U.S.-FSM Compact and the 2023 U.S.-  
22 FSM Trust Fund Agreement, as submitted to Con-  
23 gress on June 15, 2023, are approved and incor-  
24 porated by reference.

1           (2) CONSENT OF CONGRESS.—Congress con-  
2       sents to—

3           (A) the 2023 U.S.-FSM Fiscal Procedures  
4       Agreement, as submitted to Congress on June  
5       15, 2023; and

6           (B) the 2023 U.S.-FSM Federal Programs  
7       and Services Agreement.

8           (3) AUTHORITY OF PRESIDENT.—Notwith-  
9       standing section 101(f) of the Compact of Free As-  
10      sociation Amendments Act of 2003 (48 U.S.C.  
11      1921(f)), the President is authorized to bring into  
12      force and implement the agreements described in  
13      paragraphs (1) and (2).

14      (b) REPUBLIC OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS.—

15           (1) APPROVAL.—The 2023 Agreement to  
16      Amend the U.S.-RMI Compact and the 2023 U.S.-  
17      RMI Trust Fund Agreement, as submitted to Con-  
18      gress on October 17, 2023, are approved and incor-  
19      porated by reference.

20           (2) CONSENT OF CONGRESS.—Congress con-  
21      sents to the 2023 U.S.-RMI Fiscal Procedures  
22      Agreement as submitted to Congress on October 17,  
23      2023.

24           (3) AUTHORITY OF PRESIDENT.—Notwith-  
25      standing section 101(f) of the Compact of Free As-

1       society Amendments Act of 2003 (48 U.S.C.  
2       1921(f)), the President is authorized to bring into  
3       force and implement the agreements described in  
4       paragraphs (1) and (2).

5       (c) REPUBLIC OF PALAU.—

6             (1) APPROVAL.—The 2023 U.S.-Palau Compact  
7       Review Agreement, as submitted to Congress on  
8       June 15, 2023, is approved.

9             (2) AUTHORITY OF PRESIDENT.—The President  
10       is authorized to bring into force and implement the  
11       2023 U.S.-Palau Compact Review Agreement.

12       (d) AMENDMENTS, CHANGES, OR TERMINATION TO  
13       COMPACTS AND CERTAIN AGREEMENTS.—

14             (1) IN GENERAL.—Any amendment to, change  
15       to, or termination of all or any part of the 2023  
16       Amended U.S.-FSM Compact, 2023 Amended U.S.-  
17       RMI Compact, or the U.S.-Palau Compact, by mu-  
18       tual agreement or unilateral action of the Govern-  
19       ment of the United States, shall not enter into force  
20       until the date on which Congress has incorporated  
21       the applicable amendment, change, or termination  
22       into an Act of Congress.

23             (2) ADDITIONAL ACTIONS AND AGREEMENTS.—

24       In addition to the Compacts described in paragraph

1 (1), the requirements of that paragraph shall apply  
2 to—

3 (A) any action of the Government of the  
4 United States under the 2023 Amended U.S.-  
5 FSM Compact, 2023 Amended U.S.-RMI Com-  
6 pact, or U.S.-Palau Compact, including an ac-  
7 tion taken pursuant to section 431, 441, or 442  
8 of the 2023 Amended U.S.-FSM Compact,  
9 2023 Amended U.S.-RMI Compact, or U.S.-  
10 Palau Compact;

11 (B) any amendment to, change to, or ter-  
12 mination of—

13 (i) the agreement described in section  
14 462(a)(2) of the 2023 Amended U.S.-FSM  
15 Compact;

16 (ii) the agreement described in section  
17 462(a)(5) of the 2023 Amended U.S.-RMI  
18 Compact;

19 (iii) an agreement concluded pursuant  
20 to section 265 of the 2023 Amended U.S.-  
21 FSM Compact;

22 (iv) an agreement concluded pursuant  
23 to section 265 of the 2023 Amended U.S.-  
24 RMI Compact;

1 (v) an agreement concluded pursuant  
 2 to section 177 of the 2023 Amended U.S.-  
 3 RMI Compact;

4 (vi) Articles III and IV of the agree-  
 5 ment described in section 462(b)(6) of the  
 6 2023 Amended U.S.-FSM Compact;

7 (vii) Articles III, IV, and X of the  
 8 agreement described in section 462(b)(6)  
 9 of the 2023 Amended U.S.-RMI Compact;

10 (viii) the agreement described in sec-  
 11 tion 462(h) of the U.S.-Palau Compact;  
 12 and

13 (ix) Articles VI, XV, and XVII of the  
 14 agreement described in section 462(b)(7)  
 15 of the 2023 Amended U.S.-FSM Compact  
 16 and 2023 Amended U.S.-RMI Compact  
 17 and section 462(i) of the U.S.-Palau Com-  
 18 pact.

19 (e) ENTRY INTO FORCE OF FUTURE AMENDMENTS  
 20 TO SUBSIDIARY AGREEMENTS.—An agreement between  
 21 the United States and the Government of the Federated  
 22 States of Micronesia, the Government of the Republic of  
 23 the Marshall Islands, or the Government of the Republic  
 24 of Palau that would amend, change, or terminate any sub-  
 25 sidiary agreement or portion of a subsidiary agreement

1 (other than an amendment to, change to, or termination  
 2 of an agreement described in subsection (d)) shall not  
 3 enter into force until the date that is 90 days after the  
 4 date on which the President has transmitted to the Presi-  
 5 dent of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Rep-  
 6 resentatives—

7 (1) the agreement to amend, change, or termi-  
 8 nate the subsidiary agreement;

9 (2) an explanation of the amendment, change,  
 10 or termination;

11 (3) a description of the reasons for the amend-  
 12 ment, change, or termination; and

13 (4) in the case of an agreement that would  
 14 amend, change, or terminate any agreement de-  
 15 scribed in section 462(b)(3) of the 2023 Amended  
 16 U.S.-FSM Compact or the 2023 Amended U.S.-RMI  
 17 Compact, a statement by the Secretary of Labor  
 18 that describes—

19 (A) the necessity of the amendment,  
 20 change, or termination; and

21 (B) any impacts of the amendment,  
 22 change, or termination.

23 **SEC. 4. AGREEMENTS WITH FEDERATED STATES OF MICRO-**  
 24 **NESIA.**

25 (a) **LAW ENFORCEMENT ASSISTANCE.—**

1           (1) IN GENERAL.—Pursuant to sections 222  
 2           and 224 of the 2023 Amended U.S.-FSM Compact,  
 3           the United States shall provide nonreimbursable  
 4           technical and training assistance, as appropriate, in-  
 5           cluding training and equipment for postal inspection  
 6           of illicit drugs and other contraband, to enable the  
 7           Government of the Federated States of Micronesia—

8                   (A) to develop and adequately enforce laws  
 9                   of the Federated States of Micronesia; and

10                   (B) to cooperate with the United States in  
 11                   the enforcement of criminal laws of the United  
 12                   States.

13           (2) USE OF APPROPRIATED FUNDS.—Funds ap-  
 14           propriated pursuant to subsection (j) of section 105  
 15           of the Compact of Free Association Amendments  
 16           Act of 2003 (48 U.S.C. 1921d) (as amended by sec-  
 17           tion 8(j)) may be used in accordance with section  
 18           102(a) of the Compact of Free Association Amend-  
 19           ments Act of 2003 (48 U.S.C. 1921a(a)).

20           (b) UNITED STATES APPOINTEES TO JOINT ECO-  
 21           NOMIC MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.—

22           (1) IN GENERAL.—The 3 United States ap-  
 23           pointees (which are composed of the United States  
 24           chair and 2 other members from the Government of  
 25           the United States) to the Joint Economic Manage-

1 ment Committee established under section 213 of  
2 the 2023 Amended U.S.-FSM Compact (referred to  
3 in this subsection as the “Committee”) shall—

4 (A) be voting members of the Committee;

5 and

6 (B) continue to be officers or employees of  
7 the Federal Government.

8 (2) TERM; APPOINTMENT.—The 3 United  
9 States members of the Committee described in para-  
10 graph (1) shall be appointed for a term of 2 years  
11 as follows:

12 (A) 1 member shall be appointed by the  
13 Secretary of State, in consultation with the Sec-  
14 retary of the Treasury.

15 (B) 1 member shall be appointed by the  
16 Secretary of the Interior, in consultation with  
17 the Secretary of the Treasury.

18 (C) 1 member shall be appointed by the  
19 Interagency Group on Freely Associated States  
20 established under section 7(d)(1).

21 (3) REAPPOINTMENT.—A United States mem-  
22 ber of the Committee appointed under paragraph (2)  
23 may be reappointed for not more than 2 additional  
24 2-year terms.

1           (4) QUALIFICATIONS.—Not fewer than 2  
2 United States members of the Committee appointed  
3 under paragraph (2) shall be individuals who—

4           (A) by reason of knowledge, experience, or  
5 training, are especially qualified in accounting,  
6 auditing, budget analysis, compliance, grant ad-  
7 ministration, program management, or inter-  
8 national economics; and

9           (B) possess not less than 5 years of full-  
10 time experience in accounting, auditing, budget  
11 analysis, compliance, grant administration, pro-  
12 gram management, or international economics.

13       (5) NOTICE.—

14           (A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days  
15 after the date of appointment of a United  
16 States member of the Committee under para-  
17 graph (2), the Secretary of the Interior shall  
18 notify the appropriate committees of Congress  
19 that an individual has been appointed as a vot-  
20 ing member of the Committee under that para-  
21 graph, including a statement prepared by the  
22 Secretary of the Interior attesting to the quali-  
23 fications of the member described in paragraph  
24 (4), subject to subparagraph (B).

1 (B) REQUIREMENT.—For purposes of a  
2 statement required under subparagraph (A)—

3 (i) in the case of a member appointed  
4 under paragraph (2)(A), the Secretary of  
5 the Interior shall compile information on  
6 the member provided to the Secretary of  
7 the Interior by the Secretary of State on  
8 request of the Secretary of the Interior;  
9 and

10 (ii) in the case of a member appointed  
11 under paragraph (2)(C), the Secretary of  
12 the Interior shall compile information on  
13 the member provided to the Secretary of  
14 the Interior by the Interagency Group on  
15 Freely Associated States established under  
16 section 7(d)(1) on request of the Secretary  
17 of the Interior.

18 (6) REPORTS TO CONGRESS.—Not later than  
19 90 days after the date on which the Committee re-  
20 ceives or completes any report required under the  
21 2023 Amended U.S.-FSM Compact, or any related  
22 subsidiary agreement, the Secretary of the Interior  
23 shall submit the report to the appropriate commit-  
24 tees of Congress.

1           (7) NOTICE TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 90  
2 days after the date on which the Government of the  
3 Federated States of Micronesia submits to the Com-  
4 mittee a report required under the 2023 Amended  
5 U.S.-FSM Compact, or any related subsidiary agree-  
6 ment, the Secretary of the Interior shall submit to  
7 the appropriate committees of Congress—

8           (A) if the report is submitted by the appli-  
9 cable deadline, written notice attesting that the  
10 report is complete and accurate; or

11           (B) if the report is not submitted by the  
12 applicable deadline, written notice that the re-  
13 port has not been timely submitted.

14           (c) UNITED STATES APPOINTEES TO JOINT TRUST  
15 FUND COMMITTEE.—

16           (1) IN GENERAL.—The 3 United States voting  
17 members (which are composed of the United States  
18 chair and 2 other members from the Government of  
19 the United States) to the Joint Trust Fund Com-  
20 mittee established pursuant to the agreement de-  
21 scribed in section 462(b)(5) of the 2023 Amended  
22 U.S.-FSM Compact (referred to in this subsection as  
23 the “Committee”) shall continue to be officers or  
24 employees of the Federal Government.

1           (2) TERM; APPOINTMENT.—The 3 United  
2 States members of the Committee described in para-  
3 graph (1) shall be appointed for a term not more  
4 than 2 years as follows:

5           (A) 1 member shall be appointed by the  
6 Secretary of State.

7           (B) 1 member shall be appointed by the  
8 Secretary of the Interior.

9           (C) 1 member shall be appointed by the  
10 Secretary of the Treasury.

11          (3) REAPPOINTMENT.—A United States mem-  
12 ber of the Committee appointed under paragraph (2)  
13 may be reappointed for not more than 2 additional  
14 2-year terms.

15          (4) QUALIFICATIONS.—Not fewer than 2 mem-  
16 bers of the Committee appointed under paragraph  
17 (2) shall be individuals who—

18           (A) by reason of knowledge, experience, or  
19 training, are especially qualified in accounting,  
20 auditing, budget analysis, compliance, financial  
21 investment, grant administration, program  
22 management, or international economics; and

23           (B) possess not less than 5 years of full-  
24 time experience in accounting, auditing, budget  
25 analysis, compliance, financial investment,

1 grant administration, program management, or  
2 international economics.

3 (5) NOTICE.—

4 (A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days  
5 after the date of appointment of a United  
6 States member to the Committee under para-  
7 graph (2), the Secretary of the Interior shall  
8 notify the appropriate committees of Congress  
9 that an individual has been appointed as a vot-  
10 ing member of the Committee under that para-  
11 graph, including a statement attesting to the  
12 qualifications of the member described in para-  
13 graph (4), subject to subparagraph (B).

14 (B) REQUIREMENT.—For purposes of a  
15 statement required under subparagraph (A)—

16 (i) in the case of a member appointed  
17 under paragraph (2)(A), the Secretary of  
18 the Interior shall compile information on  
19 the member provided to the Secretary of  
20 the Interior by the Secretary of State on  
21 request of the Secretary of the Interior;  
22 and

23 (ii) in the case of a member appointed  
24 under paragraph (2)(C), the Secretary of  
25 the Interior shall compile information on

1           the member provided to the Secretary of  
2           the Interior by the Secretary of the Treas-  
3           ury on request of the Secretary of the Inte-  
4           rior.

5           (6) REPORTS TO CONGRESS.—Not later than  
6           90 days after the date on which the Committee re-  
7           ceives or completes any report required under the  
8           2023 Amended U.S.-FSM Compact, or any related  
9           subsidiary agreement, the Secretary of the Interior  
10          shall submit the report to the appropriate commit-  
11          tees of Congress.

12          (7) NOTICE TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 90  
13          days after the date on which the Government of the  
14          Federated States of Micronesia submits to the Com-  
15          mittee a report required under the 2023 Amended  
16          U.S.-FSM Compact, or any related subsidiary agree-  
17          ment, the Secretary of the Interior shall submit to  
18          the appropriate committees of Congress—

19                 (A) if the report is submitted by the appli-  
20                 cable deadline, written notice attesting that the  
21                 report is complete and accurate; or

22                 (B) if the report is not submitted by the  
23                 applicable deadline, written notice that the re-  
24                 port has not been timely submitted.

1 **SEC. 5. AGREEMENTS WITH AND OTHER PROVISIONS RE-**  
2 **LATED TO THE REPUBLIC OF THE MARSHALL**  
3 **ISLANDS.**

4 (a) **LAW ENFORCEMENT ASSISTANCE.—**

5 (1) **IN GENERAL.—**Pursuant to sections 222  
6 and 224 of the 2023 Amended U.S.-RMI Compact,  
7 the United States shall provide nonreimbursable  
8 technical and training assistance, as appropriate, in-  
9 cluding training and equipment for postal inspection  
10 of illicit drugs and other contraband, to enable the  
11 Government of the Republic of the Marshall Is-  
12 lands—

13 (A) to develop and adequately enforce laws  
14 of the Marshall Islands; and

15 (B) to cooperate with the United States in  
16 the enforcement of criminal laws of the United  
17 States.

18 (2) **USE OF APPROPRIATED FUNDS.—**Funds ap-  
19 propriated pursuant to subsection (j) of section 105  
20 of the Compact of Free Association Amendments  
21 Act of 2003 (48 U.S.C. 1921d) (as amended by sec-  
22 tion 8(j)) may be used in accordance with section  
23 103(a) of the Compact of Free Association Amend-  
24 ments Act of 2003 (48 U.S.C. 1921b(a)).

25 (b) **ESPOUSAL PROVISIONS.—**

26 (1) **IN GENERAL.—**Congress reaffirms that—

1 (A) section 103(g)(1) of the Compact of  
2 Free Association Act of 1985 (48 U.S.C.  
3 1903(g)(1)) and section 103(e)(1) of the Com-  
4 pact of Free Association Amendments Act of  
5 2003 (48 U.S.C. 1921b(e)(1)) provided that “It  
6 is the intention of the Congress of the United  
7 States that the provisions of section 177 of the  
8 Compact of Free Association and the Agree-  
9 ment between the Government of the United  
10 States and the Government of the Marshall Is-  
11 lands for the Implementation of Section 177 of  
12 the Compact (hereafter in this subsection re-  
13 ferred to as the ‘Section 177 Agreement’) con-  
14 stitute a full and final settlement of all claims  
15 described in Articles X and XI of the Section  
16 177 Agreement, and that any such claims be  
17 terminated and barred except insofar as pro-  
18 vided for in the Section 177 Agreement.”; and

19 (B) section 103(g)(2) of the Compact of  
20 Free Association Act of 1985 (48 U.S.C.  
21 1903(g)(2)) and section 103(e)(2) of the Com-  
22 pact of Free Association Amendments Act of  
23 2003 (48 U.S.C. 1921b(e)(2)) provided that  
24 “In furtherance of the intention of Congress as  
25 stated in paragraph (1) of this subsection, the

1 Section 177 Agreement is hereby ratified and  
2 approved. It is the explicit understanding and  
3 intent of Congress that the jurisdictional limita-  
4 tions set forth in Article XII of such Agreement  
5 are enacted solely and exclusively to accomplish  
6 the objective of Article X of such Agreement  
7 and only as a clarification of the effect of Arti-  
8 cle X, and are not to be construed or imple-  
9 mented separately from Article X.”.

10 (2) EFFECT.—Nothing in the 2023 Agreement  
11 to Amend the U.S.-RMI Compact affects the appli-  
12 cation of the provisions of law reaffirmed by para-  
13 graph (1).

14 (c) CERTAIN SECTION 177 AGREEMENT PROVI-  
15 SIONS.—Congress reaffirms that—

16 (1) Article IX of the Agreement Between the  
17 Government of the United States and the Govern-  
18 ment of the Marshall Islands for the Implementation  
19 of Section 177 of the Compact of Free Association,  
20 done at Majuro June 25, 1983, provided that “If  
21 loss or damage to property and person of the citi-  
22 zens of the Marshall Islands, resulting from the Nu-  
23 clear Testing Program, arises or is discovered after  
24 the effective date of this Agreement, and such inju-  
25 ries were not and could not reasonably have been

1 identified as of the effective date of this Agreement,  
2 and if such injuries render the provisions of this  
3 Agreement manifestly inadequate, the Government  
4 of the Marshall Islands may request that the Gov-  
5 ernment of the United States provide for such inju-  
6 ries by submitting such a request to the Congress of  
7 the United States for its consideration. It is under-  
8 stood that this Article does not commit the Congress  
9 of the United States to authorize and appropriate  
10 funds.”; and

11 (2) section 3(a) of Article XIII of the agree-  
12 ment described in paragraph (1) provided that “The  
13 Government of the United States and the Govern-  
14 ment of the Marshall Islands shall consult at the re-  
15 quest of either of them on matters relating to the  
16 provisions of this Agreement.”.

17 (d) UNITED STATES APPOINTEES TO JOINT ECO-  
18 NOMIC MANAGEMENT AND FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY  
19 COMMITTEE.—

20 (1) IN GENERAL.—The 2 United States ap-  
21 pointees (which are composed of the United States  
22 chair and 1 other member from the Government of  
23 the United States) to the Joint Economic Manage-  
24 ment and Financial Accountability Committee estab-  
25 lished under section 214 of the 2003 Amended U.S.-

1 RMI Compact (referred to in this subsection as the  
2 “Committee”) shall—

3 (A) be voting members of the Committee;

4 and

5 (B) continue to be officers or employees of  
6 the Federal Government.

7 (2) TERM; APPOINTMENT.—The 2 United  
8 States members of the Committee described in para-  
9 graph (1) shall be appointed for a term of 2 years  
10 as follows:

11 (A) 1 member shall be appointed by the  
12 Secretary of State, in consultation with the Sec-  
13 retary of the Treasury.

14 (B) 1 member shall be appointed by the  
15 Secretary of the Interior, in consultation with  
16 the Secretary of the Treasury.

17 (3) REAPPOINTMENT.—A United States mem-  
18 ber of the Committee appointed under paragraph (2)  
19 may be reappointed for not more than 2 additional  
20 2-year terms.

21 (4) QUALIFICATIONS.—At least 1 United States  
22 member of the Committee appointed under para-  
23 graph (2) shall be an individual who—

24 (A) by reason of knowledge, experience, or  
25 training, is especially qualified in accounting,

1 auditing, budget analysis, compliance, grant ad-  
2 ministration, program management, or inter-  
3 national economics; and

4 (B) possesses not less than 5 years of full-  
5 time experience in accounting, auditing, budget  
6 analysis, compliance, grant administration, pro-  
7 gram management, or international economics.

8 (5) NOTICE.—

9 (A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days  
10 after the date of appointment of a United  
11 States member under paragraph (2), the Sec-  
12 retary of the Interior shall notify the appro-  
13 priate committees of Congress that an indi-  
14 vidual has been appointed as a voting member  
15 of the Committee under that paragraph, includ-  
16 ing a statement attesting to the qualifications  
17 of the member described in paragraph (4), sub-  
18 ject to subparagraph (B).

19 (B) REQUIREMENT.—For purposes of a  
20 statement required under subparagraph (A), in  
21 the case of a member appointed under para-  
22 graph (2)(A), the Secretary of the Interior shall  
23 compile information on the member provided to  
24 the Secretary of the Interior by the Secretary of

1 State on request of the Secretary of the Inte-  
2 rior.

3 (6) REPORTS TO CONGRESS.—Not later than  
4 90 days after the date on which the Committee re-  
5 ceives or completes any report required under the  
6 2023 Amended U.S.-RMI Compact, or any related  
7 subsidiary agreement, the Secretary of the Interior  
8 shall submit the report to the appropriate commit-  
9 tees of Congress.

10 (7) NOTICE TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 90  
11 days after the date on which the Government of the  
12 Republic of the Marshall Islands submits to the  
13 Committee a report required under the 2023  
14 Amended U.S.-RMI Compact, or any related sub-  
15 subsidiary agreement, the Secretary of the Interior shall  
16 submit to the appropriate committees of Congress—

17 (A) if the report is submitted by the appli-  
18 cable deadline, written notice attesting that the  
19 report is complete and accurate; or

20 (B) if the report is not submitted by the  
21 applicable deadline, written notice that the re-  
22 port has not been timely submitted.

23 (e) UNITED STATES APPOINTEES TO TRUST FUND  
24 COMMITTEE.—

1           (1) IN GENERAL.—The 3 United States voting  
2 members (which are composed of the United States  
3 chair and 2 other members from the Government of  
4 the United States) to the Trust Fund Committee es-  
5 tablished pursuant to the agreement described in  
6 section 462(b)(5) of the 2003 Amended U.S.-RMI  
7 Compact (referred to in this subsection as the  
8 “Committee”) shall continue to be officers or em-  
9 ployees of the Federal Government.

10           (2) TERM; APPOINTMENT.—The 3 United  
11 States members of the Committee described in para-  
12 graph (1) shall be appointed for a term not more  
13 than 5 years as follows:

14                   (A) 1 member shall be appointed by the  
15 Secretary of State.

16                   (B) 1 member shall be appointed by the  
17 Secretary of the Interior.

18                   (C) 1 member shall be appointed by the  
19 Secretary of the Treasury.

20           (3) REAPPOINTMENT.—A United States mem-  
21 ber of the Committee appointed under paragraph (2)  
22 may be reappointed for not more than 2 additional  
23 2-year terms.

1           (4) QUALIFICATIONS.—Not fewer than 2 mem-  
2       bers of the Committee appointed under paragraph  
3       (2) shall be individuals who—

4           (A) by reason of knowledge, experience, or  
5       training, are especially qualified in accounting,  
6       auditing, budget analysis, compliance, financial  
7       investment, grant administration, program  
8       management, or international economics; and

9           (B) possess not less than 5 years of full-  
10      time experience in accounting, auditing, budget  
11      analysis, compliance, financial investment,  
12      grant administration, program management, or  
13      international economics.

14       (5) NOTICE.—

15           (A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days  
16      after the date of appointment of a United  
17      States Member under paragraph (2), the Sec-  
18      retary of the Interior shall notify the appro-  
19      priate committees of Congress that an indi-  
20      vidual has been appointed as a voting member  
21      of the Committee under that paragraph, includ-  
22      ing a statement attesting to the qualifications  
23      of the appointee described in paragraph (4),  
24      subject to subparagraph (B).

1 (B) REQUIREMENT.—For purposes of a  
2 statement required under subparagraph (A)—

3 (i) in the case of a member appointed  
4 under paragraph (2)(A), the Secretary of  
5 the Interior shall compile information on  
6 the member provided to the Secretary of  
7 the Interior by the Secretary of State on  
8 request of the Secretary of the Interior;  
9 and

10 (ii) in the case of a member appointed  
11 under paragraph (2)(C), the Secretary of  
12 the Interior shall compile information on  
13 the member provided to the Secretary of  
14 the Interior by the Secretary of the Treas-  
15 ury on request of the Secretary of the Inte-  
16 rior.

17 (6) REPORTS TO CONGRESS.—Not later than  
18 90 days after the date on which the Committee re-  
19 ceives or completes any report required under the  
20 2023 Amended U.S.-RMI Compact, or any related  
21 subsidiary agreement, the Secretary of the Interior  
22 shall submit the report to the appropriate commit-  
23 tees of Congress.

24 (7) NOTICE TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 90  
25 days after the date on which the Government of the

1 Republic of the Marshall Islands submits to the  
2 Committee a report required under the 2023  
3 Amended U.S.-RMI Compact, or any related sub-  
4 sidiary agreement, the Secretary of the Interior shall  
5 submit to the appropriate committees of Congress—

6 (A) if the report is submitted by the appli-  
7 cable deadline, written notice attesting that the  
8 report is complete and accurate; or

9 (B) if the report is not submitted by the  
10 applicable deadline, written notice that the re-  
11 port has not been timely submitted.

12 (f) FOUR ATOLL HEALTH CARE PROGRAM.—Con-  
13 gress reaffirms that—

14 (1) section 103(j)(1) of the Compact of Free  
15 Association Act of 1985 (48 U.S.C. 1903(j)(1)) and  
16 section 103(h)(1) of the Compact of Free Associa-  
17 tion Amendments Act of 2003 (48 U.S.C.  
18 1921b(h)(1)) provided that services “provided by the  
19 United States Public Health Service or any other  
20 United States agency pursuant to section 1(a) of Ar-  
21 ticle II of the Agreement for the Implementation of  
22 Section 177 of the Compact (hereafter in this sub-  
23 section referred to as the ‘Section 177 Agreement’)  
24 shall be only for services to the people of the Atolls  
25 of Bikini, Enewetak, Rongelap, and Utrik who were

1 affected by the consequences of the United States  
2 nuclear testing program, pursuant to the program  
3 described in Public Law 95–134 and Public Law  
4 96–205 and their descendants (and any other per-  
5 sons identified as having been so affected if such  
6 identification occurs in the manner described in such  
7 public laws). Nothing in this subsection shall be con-  
8 strued as prejudicial to the views or policies of the  
9 Government of the Marshall Islands as to the per-  
10 sons affected by the consequences of the United  
11 States nuclear testing program.”;

12 (2) section 103(j)(2) of the Compact of Free  
13 Association Act of 1985 (48 U.S.C. 1903(j)(2)) and  
14 section 103(h)(2) of the Compact of Free Associa-  
15 tion Amendments Act of 2003 (48 U.S.C.  
16 1921b(h)(2)) provided that “at the end of the first  
17 year after the effective date of the Compact and at  
18 the end of each year thereafter, the providing agency  
19 or agencies shall return to the Government of the  
20 Marshall Islands any unexpended funds to be re-  
21 turned to the Fund Manager (as described in Article  
22 I of the Section 177 Agreement) to be covered into  
23 the Fund to be available for future use.”; and

24 (3) section 103(j)(3) of the Compact of Free  
25 Association Act of 1985 (48 U.S.C. 1903(j)(3)) and

1 section 103(h)(3) of the Compact of Free Associa-  
2 tion Amendments Act of 2003 (48 U.S.C.  
3 1921b(h)(3)) provided that “the Fund Manager  
4 shall retain the funds returned by the Government  
5 of the Marshall Islands pursuant to paragraph (2)  
6 of this subsection, shall invest and manage such  
7 funds, and at the end of 15 years after the effective  
8 date of the Compact, shall make from the total  
9 amount so retained and the proceeds thereof annual  
10 disbursements sufficient to continue to make pay-  
11 ments for the provision of health services as speci-  
12 fied in paragraph (1) of this subsection to such ex-  
13 tent as may be provided in contracts between the  
14 Government of the Marshall Islands and appropriate  
15 United States providers of such health services.”.

16 (g) RADIOLOGICAL HEALTH CARE PROGRAM.—Not-  
17 withstanding any other provision of law, on the request  
18 of the Government of the Republic of the Marshall Islands,  
19 the President (through an appropriate department or  
20 agency of the United States) shall continue to provide spe-  
21 cial medical care and logistical support for the remaining  
22 members of the population of Rongelap and Utrik who  
23 were exposed to radiation resulting from the 1954 United  
24 States thermonuclear “Bravo” test, pursuant to Public

1 Law 95–134 (91 Stat. 1159) and Public Law 96–205 (94  
2 Stat. 84).

3 (h) AGRICULTURAL AND FOOD PROGRAMS.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—Congress reaffirms that—

5 (A) section 103(h)(2) of the Compact of  
6 Free Association Act of 1985 (48 U.S.C.  
7 1903(h)(2)) and section 103(f)(2)(A) of the  
8 Compact of Free Association Amendments Act  
9 of 2003 (48 U.S.C. 1921b(f)(2)(A)) provided  
10 that notwithstanding “any other provision of  
11 law, upon the request of the Government of the  
12 Marshall Islands, for the first fifteen years  
13 after the effective date of the Compact, the  
14 President (either through an appropriate de-  
15 partment or agency of the United States or by  
16 contract with a United States firm or by a  
17 grant to the Government of the Republic of the  
18 Marshall Islands which may further contract  
19 only with a United States firm or a Republic of  
20 the Marshall Islands firm, the owners, officers  
21 and majority of the employees of which are citi-  
22 zens of the United States or the Republic of the  
23 Marshall Islands) shall provide technical and  
24 other assistance without reimbursement, to con-  
25 tinue the planting and agricultural maintenance

1 program on Enewetak; without reimbursement,  
2 to continue the food programs of the Bikini,  
3 Rongelap, Utrik, and Enewetak people de-  
4 scribed in section 1(d) of Article II of the Sub-  
5 sidiary Agreement for the Implementation of  
6 Section 177 of the Compact and for continued  
7 waterborne transportation of agricultural prod-  
8 ucts to Enewetak including operations and  
9 maintenance of the vessel used for such pur-  
10 poses.”;

11 (B) section 103(h)(2) of the Compact of  
12 Free Association Act of 1985 (48 U.S.C.  
13 1903(h)(2)) and section 103(f)(2)(B) of the  
14 Compact of Free Association Amendments Act  
15 of 2003 (48 U.S.C. 1921b(f)(2)(B)) provided  
16 that “The President shall ensure the assistance  
17 provided under these programs reflects the  
18 changes in the population since the inception of  
19 such programs.”; and

20 (C) section 103(h)(3) of the Compact of  
21 Free Association Act of 1985 (48 U.S.C.  
22 1903(h)(3)) and section 103(f)(3) of the Com-  
23 pact of Free Association Amendments Act of  
24 2003 (48 U.S.C. 1921b(f)(3)) provided that  
25 “payments under this subsection shall be pro-

1           vided to such extent or in such amounts as are  
2           necessary for services and other assistance pro-  
3           vided pursuant to this subsection. It is the  
4           sense of Congress that after the periods of time  
5           specified in paragraphs (1) and (2) of this sub-  
6           section, consideration will be given to such addi-  
7           tional funding for these programs as may be  
8           necessary.”.

9           (2) PLANTING AND AGRICULTURAL MAINTEN-  
10          NANCE PROGRAM.—The Secretary of the Interior  
11          may provide grants to the Government of the Re-  
12          public of the Marshall Islands to carry out a plant-  
13          ing and agricultural maintenance program on Bikini,  
14          Enewetak, Rongelap, and Utrik.

15          (3) FOOD PROGRAMS.—The Secretary of Agri-  
16          culture may provide, without reimbursement, food  
17          programs to the people of the Republic of the Mar-  
18          shall Islands.

19   **SEC. 6. AGREEMENTS WITH AND OTHER PROVISIONS RE-**  
20                           **LATED TO THE REPUBLIC OF PALAU.**

21          (a) BILATERAL ECONOMIC CONSULTATIONS.—  
22          United States participation in the annual economic con-  
23          sultations referred to in Article 8 of the 2023 U.S.-Palau  
24          Compact Review Agreement shall be by officers or employ-  
25          ees of the Federal Government.

1 (b) ECONOMIC ADVISORY GROUP.—

2 (1) QUALIFICATIONS.—A member of the Eco-  
3 nomic Advisory Group described in Article 7 of the  
4 2023 U.S.-Palau Compact Review Agreement (re-  
5 ferred to in this subsection as the “Advisory  
6 Group”) who is appointed by the Secretary of the  
7 Interior shall be an individual who, by reason of  
8 knowledge, experience, or training, is especially  
9 qualified in private sector business development, eco-  
10 nomic development, or national development.

11 (2) FUNDS.—With respect to the Advisory  
12 Group, the Secretary of the Interior may use avail-  
13 able funds for—

14 (A) the costs of the 2 members of the Ad-  
15 visory Group designated by the United States  
16 in accordance with Article 7 of the 2023 U.S.-  
17 Palau Compact Review Agreement;

18 (B) 50 percent of the costs of the 5th  
19 member of the Advisory Group designated by  
20 the Secretary of the Interior in accordance with  
21 the Article described in subparagraph (A); and

22 (C) the costs of—

23 (i) technical and administrative assist-  
24 ance for the Advisory Group; and

1                   (ii) other support necessary for the  
2                   Advisory Group to accomplish the purpose  
3                   of the Advisory Group.

4                   (3) REPORTS TO CONGRESS.—Not later than  
5                   90 days after the date on which the Advisory Group  
6                   receives or completes any report required under the  
7                   2023 U.S.-Palau Compact Review Agreement, or  
8                   any related subsidiary agreement, the Secretary of  
9                   the Interior shall submit the report to the appro-  
10                  priate committees of Congress.

11                  (c) REPORTS TO CONGRESS.—

12                  (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after  
13                  the date on which the Government of the Republic  
14                  of Palau completes any report required under the  
15                  2023 U.S.-Palau Compact Review Agreement, or  
16                  any related subsidiary agreement, the Secretary of  
17                  the Interior shall submit the report to the appro-  
18                  priate committees of Congress.

19                  (2) NOTICE TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 90  
20                  days after the date on which the Government of the  
21                  Republic of Palau submits a report required under  
22                  the 2023 U.S.-Palau Compact Review Agreement, or  
23                  any related subsidiary agreement, the Secretary of  
24                  the Interior shall submit to the appropriate commit-  
25                  tees of Congress—

1 (A) if the report is submitted by the appli-  
2 cable deadline, written notice attesting that the  
3 report is complete and accurate; or

4 (B) if the report is not submitted by the  
5 applicable deadline, written notice that the re-  
6 port has not been timely submitted.

7 **SEC. 7. OVERSIGHT PROVISIONS.**

8 (a) **AUTHORITIES AND DUTIES OF THE COMP-**  
9 **TROLLER GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES.—**

10 (1) **IN GENERAL.—**The Comptroller General of  
11 the United States (including any duly authorized  
12 representative of the Comptroller General of the  
13 United States) shall have the authorities necessary  
14 to carry out the responsibilities of the Comptroller  
15 General of the United States under—

16 (A) the 2023 Amended U.S.-FSM Com-  
17 pact and related subsidiary agreements, includ-  
18 ing the authorities and privileges described in  
19 section 102(b) of the Compact of Free Associa-  
20 tion Amendments Act of 2003 (48 U.S.C.  
21 1921a(b));

22 (B) the 2023 Amended U.S.-RMI Compact  
23 and related subsidiary agreements, including  
24 the authorities and privileges described in sec-  
25 tion 103(k) of the Compact of Free Association

1 Amendments Act of 2003 (48 U.S.C.  
2 1921b(k)); and

3 (C) the 2023 U.S.-Palau Compact Review  
4 Agreement, related subsidiary agreements, and  
5 the authorities described in appendix D of the  
6 “Agreement between the Government of the  
7 United States of America and the Government  
8 of the Republic of Palau Following the Compact  
9 of Free Association Section 432 Review” signed  
10 by the United States and the Republic of Palau  
11 on September 3, 2010.

12 (2) REPORTS.—Not later than 18 months after  
13 the date of enactment of this Act, and every 4 years  
14 thereafter, the Comptroller General of the United  
15 States shall submit to the appropriate committees of  
16 Congress a report with respect to the Freely Associ-  
17 ated States, including addressing—

18 (A) the topics described in subparagraphs  
19 (A) through (E) of section 104(h)(1) of the  
20 Compact of Free Association Amendments Act  
21 of 2003 (48 U.S.C. 1921e(h)(1)), except that  
22 for purposes of a report submitted under this  
23 paragraph, the report shall address those topics  
24 with respect to each of the Freely Associated  
25 States; and

1 (B) the effectiveness of administrative  
2 oversight by the United States of the Freely As-  
3 sociated States.

4 (b) SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR OVERSIGHT AU-  
5 THORITY.—The Secretary of the Interior shall have the  
6 authority necessary to fulfill the responsibilities for moni-  
7 toring and managing the funds appropriated to the Com-  
8 pact of Free Association account of the Department of the  
9 Interior by section 10(a) to carry out—

- 10 (1) the 2023 Amended U.S.-FSM Compact;
- 11 (2) the 2023 Amended U.S.-RMI Compact;
- 12 (3) the 2023 U.S.-Palau Compact Review  
13 Agreement; and
- 14 (4) subsidiary agreements.

15 (c) POSTMASTER GENERAL OVERSIGHT AUTHOR-  
16 ITY.—The Postmaster General shall have the authority  
17 necessary to fulfill the responsibilities for monitoring and  
18 managing the funds appropriated to the United States  
19 Postal Service under paragraph (1) of section 10(b) and  
20 deposited in the Postal Service Fund under paragraph  
21 (2)(A) of that section to carry out—

- 22 (1) section 221(a)(2) of the 2023 Amended  
23 U.S.-FSM Compact;
- 24 (2) section 221(a)(2) of the 2023 Amended  
25 U.S.-RMI Compact;

1           (3) section 221(a)(2) of the U.S.-Palau Com-  
2           pact; and

3           (4) Article 6(a) of the 2023 U.S.-Palau Com-  
4           pact Review Agreement.

5           (d) INTERAGENCY GROUP ON FREELY ASSOCIATED  
6           STATES.—

7           (1) ESTABLISHMENT.—The President, in con-  
8           sultation with the Secretary of State, the Secretary  
9           of the Interior, and the Secretary of Defense, shall  
10          establish an Interagency Group on Freely Associated  
11          States (referred to in this subsection as the “Inter-  
12          agency Group”).

13          (2) PURPOSE.—The purposes of the Inter-  
14          agency Group are—

15                (A) to coordinate development and imple-  
16                mentation of executive branch policies, pro-  
17                grams, services, and other activities in or relat-  
18                ing to the Freely Associated States; and

19                (B) to provide policy guidance, rec-  
20                ommendations, and oversight to Federal agen-  
21                cies, departments, and instrumentalities with  
22                respect to the implementation of—

23                       (i) the 2023 Amended U.S.-FSM  
24                       Compact;

1 (ii) the 2023 Amended U.S.-RMI  
2 Compact; and

3 (iii) the 2023 U.S.-Palau Compact  
4 Review Agreement.

5 (3) MEMBERSHIP.—The Interagency Group  
6 shall consist of—

7 (A) the Secretary of State, who shall serve  
8 as co-chair of the Interagency Group;

9 (B) the Secretary of the Interior, who shall  
10 serve as co-chair of the Interagency Group;

11 (C) the Secretary of Defense;

12 (D) the Secretary of the Treasury;

13 (E) the heads of relevant Federal agencies,  
14 departments, and instrumentalities carrying out  
15 obligations under—

16 (i) sections 131 and 132 of the 2003  
17 Amended U.S.-FSM Compact and sub-  
18 sections (a) and (b) of section 221 and sec-  
19 tion 261 of the 2023 Amended U.S.-FSM  
20 Compact;

21 (ii) sections 131 and 132 of the 2003  
22 Amended U.S.-RMI Compact and sub-  
23 sections (a) and (b) of section 221 and sec-  
24 tion 261 of the 2023 Amended U.S.-RMI  
25 Compact;

1 (iii) sections 131 and 132 and sub-  
2 sections (a) and (b) of section 221 of the  
3 U.S.-Palau Compact;

4 (iv) Article 6 of the 2023 U.S.-Palau  
5 Compact Review Agreement;

6 (v) any applicable subsidiary agree-  
7 ment; and

8 (vi) section 8; and

9 (F) the head of any other Federal agency,  
10 department, or instrumentality that the Sec-  
11 retary of State or the Secretary of the Interior  
12 may designate.

13 (4) DUTIES OF SECRETARY OF STATE AND SEC-  
14 RETARY OF THE INTERIOR.—The Secretary of State  
15 (or a senior official designee of the Secretary of  
16 State) and the Secretary of the Interior (or a senior  
17 official designee of the Secretary of the Interior)  
18 shall—

19 (A) co-lead and preside at a meeting of the  
20 Interagency Group not less frequently than an-  
21 nually;

22 (B) determine, in consultation with the  
23 Secretary of Defense, the agenda for meetings  
24 of the Interagency Group; and

1 (C) facilitate and coordinate the work of  
2 the Interagency Group.

3 (5) DUTIES OF THE INTERAGENCY GROUP.—

4 The Interagency Group shall—

5 (A) provide advice on the establishment or  
6 implementation of policies relating to the Freely  
7 Associated States to the President, acting  
8 through the Office of Intergovernmental Af-  
9 fairs, in the form of a written report not less  
10 frequently than annually;

11 (B) obtain information and advice relating  
12 to the Freely Associated States from the Presi-  
13 dents, other elected officials, and members of  
14 civil society of the Freely Associated States, in-  
15 cluding through the members of the Inter-  
16 agency Group (including senior official des-  
17 ignees of the members) meeting not less fre-  
18 quently than annually with any Presidents of  
19 the Freely Associated States who elect to par-  
20 ticipate;

21 (C) at the request of the head of any Fed-  
22 eral agency (or a senior official designee of the  
23 head of a Federal agency) who is a member of  
24 the Interagency Group, promptly review and  
25 provide advice on a policy or policy implementa-

1           tion action affecting 1 or more of the Freely  
2           Associated States proposed by the Federal  
3           agency, department, or instrumentality; and

4           (D) facilitate coordination of relevant poli-  
5           cies, programs, initiatives, and activities involv-  
6           ing 1 or more of the Freely Associated States,  
7           including ensuring coherence and avoiding du-  
8           plication between programs, initiatives, and ac-  
9           tivities conducted pursuant to a Compact with  
10          a Freely Associated State and non-Compact  
11          programs, initiatives, and activities.

12          (6) REPORTS.—Not later than 1 year after the  
13          date of enactment of this joint resolution and each  
14          year thereafter in which a Compact of Free Associa-  
15          tion with a Freely Associated State is in effect, the  
16          President shall submit to the majority leader and  
17          minority leader of the Senate, the Speaker and mi-  
18          nority leader of the House of Representatives, and  
19          the appropriate committees of Congress a report  
20          that describes the activities and recommendations of  
21          the Interagency Group during the applicable year.

22          (e) FEDERAL AGENCY COORDINATION.—The head of  
23          any Federal agency providing programs and services to  
24          the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the  
25          Marshall Islands, or the Republic of Palau shall coordinate

1 with the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of  
2 State regarding the provision of the programs and serv-  
3 ices.

4 (f) FOREIGN LOANS OR DEBT.—Congress reaffirms  
5 that—

6 (1) the foreign loans or debt of the Government  
7 of the Federated States of Micronesia, the Govern-  
8 ment of the Republic of the Marshall Islands, or the  
9 Government of the Republic of Palau shall not con-  
10 stitute an obligation of the United States; and

11 (2) the full faith and credit of the United  
12 States Government shall not be pledged for the pay-  
13 ment and performance of any foreign loan or debt  
14 referred to in paragraph (1) without specific further  
15 authorization.

16 (g) COMPACT COMPILATION.—Not later than 180  
17 days after the date of enactment of this joint resolution,  
18 the Secretary of the Interior shall submit to the appro-  
19 priate committees of Congress a report that includes a  
20 compilation of the Compact of Free Association with the  
21 Federated State of Micronesia, the Compact of Free Asso-  
22 ciation with the Republic of Palau, and the Compact of  
23 Free Association with Republic of the Marshall Islands.

24 (h) PUBLICATION; REVISION BY THE OFFICE OF THE  
25 LAW REVISION COUNSEL.—

1           (1) PUBLICATION.—In publishing this joint res-  
2           olution in slip form and in the United States Stat-  
3           utes at Large pursuant to section 112 of title 1,  
4           United States Code, the Archivist of the United  
5           States shall include after the date of approval at the  
6           end an appendix setting forth the text of—

7                   (A) the 2023 Agreement to Amend the  
8                   U.S.-FSM Compact; and

9                   (B) the 2023 Agreement to Amend the  
10                  U.S.-RMI Compact.

11           (2) REVISION BY THE OFFICE OF THE LAW RE-  
12           VISION COUNSEL.—The Office of the Law Revision  
13           Counsel is directed to revise—

14                   (A) the 2003 Amended U.S.-FSM Com-  
15                   pact set forth in the note following section 1921  
16                   of title 48, United States Code, to reflect the  
17                   amendments to the 2003 Amended U.S.-FSM  
18                   Compact made by the 2023 Agreement to  
19                   Amend the U.S.-FSM Compact; and

20                   (B) the 2003 Amended U.S.-RMI Compact  
21                   set forth in the note following section 1921 of  
22                   title 48, United States Code, to reflect the  
23                   amendments to the 2003 Amended U.S.-RMI  
24                   Compact made by the 2023 Agreement to  
25                   Amend the U.S.-RMI Compact.

1 **SEC. 8. UNITED STATES POLICY REGARDING THE FREELY**  
2 **ASSOCIATED STATES.**

3 (a) AUTHORIZATION FOR VETERANS' SERVICES.—

4 (1) DEFINITION OF FREELY ASSOCIATED  
5 STATES.—In this subsection, the term “Freely Asso-  
6 ciated States” means—

7 (A) the Federated States of Micronesia,  
8 during such time as it is a party to the Com-  
9 pact of Free Association set forth in section  
10 201 of the Compact of Free Association Act of  
11 1985 (Public Law 99–239; 48 U.S.C. 1901  
12 note);

13 (B) the Republic of the Marshall Islands,  
14 during such time as it is a party to the Com-  
15 pact of Free Association set forth in section  
16 201 of the Compact of Free Association Act of  
17 1985 (Public Law 99–239; 48 U.S.C. 1901  
18 note); and

19 (C) the Republic of Palau, during such  
20 time as it is a party to the Compact of Free As-  
21 sociation between the United States and the  
22 Government of Palau set forth in section 201 of  
23 Joint Resolution entitled “Joint Resolution to  
24 approve the ‘Compact of Free Association’ be-  
25 tween the United States and the Government of

1 Palau, and for other purposes” (Public Law  
2 99–658; 48 U.S.C. 1931 note).

3 (2) HOSPITAL CARE, MEDICAL SERVICES, AND  
4 NURSING HOME CARE ABROAD.—Section 1724 of  
5 title 38, United States Code, is amended—

6 (A) in subsection (a), by striking “sub-  
7 sections (b) and (c)” and inserting “subsections  
8 (b), (c), and (f)”; and

9 (B) by adding at the end the following:

10 “(f)(1) The Secretary may furnish hospital care and  
11 medical services in the Freely Associated States to a vet-  
12 eran who is otherwise eligible to receive hospital care and  
13 medical services.

14 “(2) In furnishing hospital care and medical services  
15 under paragraph (1), the Secretary may furnish hospital  
16 care and medical services through—

17 “(A) contracts or other agreements;

18 “(B) reimbursement; or

19 “(C) the direct provision of care by health care  
20 personnel of the Department.

21 “(3) In furnishing hospital care and medical services  
22 under paragraph (1), the Secretary may furnish hospital  
23 care and medical services for any condition regardless of  
24 whether the condition is connected to the service of the  
25 veteran in the Armed Forces.

1       “(4)(A) A veteran who has received hospital care or  
2 medical services in a country pursuant to this subsection  
3 shall remain eligible, to the extent determined advisable  
4 and practicable by the Secretary, for hospital care or med-  
5 ical services in that country regardless of whether the  
6 country continues to qualify as a Freely Associated State  
7 for purposes of this subsection.

8       “(B) If the Secretary determines it is no longer advis-  
9 able or practicable to allow veterans described in subpara-  
10 graph (A) to remain eligible for hospital care or medical  
11 services pursuant to such subparagraph, the Secretary  
12 shall—

13           “(i) provide direct notice of that determination  
14 to such veterans; and

15           “(ii) publish that determination and the reasons  
16 for that determination in the Federal Register.

17       “(5) In this subsection, the term ‘Freely Associated  
18 States’ means—

19           “(A) the Federated States of Micronesia, dur-  
20 ing such time as it is a party to the Compact of  
21 Free Association set forth in section 201 of the  
22 Compact of Free Association Act of 1985 (Public  
23 Law 99–239; 48 U.S.C. 1901 note);

24           “(B) the Republic of the Marshall Islands, dur-  
25 ing such time as it is a party to the Compact of

1 Free Association set forth in section 201 of the  
2 Compact of Free Association Act of 1985 (Public  
3 Law 99–239; 48 U.S.C. 1901 note); and

4 “(C) the Republic of Palau, during such time as  
5 it is a party to the Compact of Free Association be-  
6 tween the United States and the Government of  
7 Palau set forth in section 201 of Joint Resolution  
8 entitled ‘Joint Resolution to approve the “Compact  
9 of Free Association” between the United States and  
10 the Government of Palau, and for other purposes’  
11 (Public Law 99–658; 48 U.S.C. 1931 note).”.

12 (3) BENEFICIARY TRAVEL.—Section 111 of title  
13 38, United States Code, is amended by adding at  
14 the end the following:

15 “(h)(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law,  
16 the Secretary may make payments to or for any person  
17 traveling in, to, or from the Freely Associated States for  
18 receipt of care or services authorized under section  
19 1724(f) of this title.

20 “(2) A person who has received payment for travel  
21 in a country pursuant to this subsection shall remain eligi-  
22 ble for payment for such travel in that country regardless  
23 of whether the country continues to qualify as a Freely  
24 Associated State for purposes of this subsection.

1       “(3) The Secretary shall prescribe regulations to  
2 carry out this subsection.

3       “(4) In this subsection, the term ‘Freely Associated  
4 States’ means—

5           “(A) the Federated States of Micronesia, dur-  
6 ing such time as it is a party to the Compact of  
7 Free Association set forth in section 201 of the  
8 Compact of Free Association Act of 1985 (Public  
9 Law 99–239; 48 U.S.C. 1901 note);

10          “(B) the Republic of the Marshall Islands, dur-  
11 ing such time as it is a party to the Compact of  
12 Free Association set forth in section 201 of the  
13 Compact of Free Association Act of 1985 (Public  
14 Law 99–239; 48 U.S.C. 1901 note); and

15          “(C) the Republic of Palau, during such time as  
16 it is a party to the Compact of Free Association be-  
17 tween the United States and the Government of  
18 Palau set forth in section 201 of Joint Resolution  
19 entitled ‘Joint Resolution to approve the “Compact  
20 of Free Association” between the United States and  
21 the Government of Palau, and for other purposes’  
22 (Public Law 99–658; 48 U.S.C. 1931 note).”.

23           (4) LEGAL ISSUES.—

24           (A) HEALTH SERVICES.—The Secretary of  
25 Veterans Affairs, in consultation with the Sec-

1           retary of State, shall work with the govern-  
2           ments of the Freely Associated States to facili-  
3           tate the furnishing of health services, including  
4           telehealth, under the laws administered by the  
5           Secretary of Veterans Affairs, to veterans in the  
6           Freely Associated States, such as by address-  
7           ing—

8                   (i) licensure, certification, registra-  
9                   tion, and tort issues relating to health care  
10                  personnel; and

11                  (ii) matters relating to delivery of  
12                  pharmaceutical products and medical sur-  
13                  gical products, including delivery of such  
14                  products through the Consolidated Mail  
15                  Outpatient Pharmacy of the Department  
16                  of Veterans Affairs, to the Freely Associ-  
17                  ated States.

18           (B) LICENSURE OF HEALTH CARE PRO-  
19           FESSIONALS PROVIDING TREATMENT VIA TELE-  
20           MEDICINE IN THE FREELY ASSOCIATED  
21           STATES.—Section 1730C(a) of title 38, United  
22           States Code, is amended by striking “any  
23           State” and inserting “any State or any of the  
24           Freely Associated States (as defined in section  
25           1724(f) of this title)”.

1           (C) PAYMENT OF CLAIMS.—The Secretary  
2 of Veterans Affairs may pay tort claims, in the  
3 manner authorized in the first paragraph of  
4 section 2672 of title 28, United States Code,  
5 when such claims arise in the Freely Associated  
6 States in connection with furnishing hospital  
7 care or medical services or providing medical  
8 consultation or medical advice to a veteran  
9 under the laws administered by the Secretary,  
10 including through a remote or telehealth pro-  
11 gram.

12           (5) OUTREACH AND ASSESSMENT OF OP-  
13 TIONS.—During the 1-year period beginning on the  
14 date of enactment of this joint resolution, the Sec-  
15 retary of Veterans Affairs shall, subject to the avail-  
16 ability of appropriations—

17           (A) conduct robust outreach to, and en-  
18 gage with, each government of the Freely Asso-  
19 ciated States;

20           (B) assess options for the delivery of care  
21 through the use of authorities provided pursu-  
22 ant to the amendments made by this sub-  
23 section; and

24           (C) increase staffing as necessary to con-  
25 duct outreach under subparagraph (A).

1 (b) AUTHORIZATION OF EDUCATION PROGRAMS.—

2 (1) ELIGIBILITY.—For fiscal year 2024 and  
3 each fiscal year thereafter, the Government of the  
4 United States shall—

5 (A) continue to make available to the Fed-  
6 erated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the  
7 Marshall Islands, and the Republic of Palau,  
8 grants for services to individuals eligible for  
9 such services under part B of the Individuals  
10 with Disabilities Education Act (20 U.S.C.  
11 1411 et seq.) to the extent that those services  
12 continue to be available to individuals in the  
13 United States;

14 (B) continue to make available to the Fed-  
15 erated States of Micronesia and the Republic of  
16 the Marshall Islands and make available to the  
17 Republic of Palau, competitive grants under the  
18 Elementary and Secondary Education Act of  
19 1965 (20 U.S.C. 6301 et seq.), the Carl D.  
20 Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of  
21 2006 (20 U.S.C. 2301 et seq.), and part D of  
22 the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act  
23 (20 U.S.C. 1450 et seq.), to the extent that  
24 those grants continue to be available to State  
25 and local governments in the United States;

1 (C) continue to make grants available to  
2 the Republic of Palau under part A of title I of  
3 the Elementary and Secondary Education Act  
4 of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 6311 et seq.), the Adult  
5 Education and Family Literacy Act (29 U.S.C.  
6 3271 et seq.), and the Carl D. Perkins Career  
7 and Technical Education Act of 2006 (20  
8 U.S.C. 2301 et seq.);

9 (D) continue to make available to eligible  
10 institutions of higher education in the Republic  
11 of Palau and make available to eligible institu-  
12 tions of higher education in the Federated  
13 States of Micronesia and the Republic of the  
14 Marshall Islands and to students enrolled in  
15 those institutions of higher education, and to  
16 students who are citizens of the Federated  
17 States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Mar-  
18 shall Islands, and the Republic of Palau and  
19 enrolled in institutions of higher education in  
20 the United States and territories of the United  
21 States, grants under—

22 (i) subpart 1 of part A of title IV of  
23 the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20  
24 U.S.C. 1070a et seq.);

1 (ii) subpart 3 of part A of title IV of  
2 the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20  
3 U.S.C. 1070b et seq.); and

4 (iii) part C of title IV of the Higher  
5 Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1087–  
6 51 et seq.);

7 (E) require, as a condition of eligibility for  
8 a public institution of higher education in any  
9 State (as defined in section 103 of the Higher  
10 Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1003)) that  
11 is not a Freely Associated State to participate  
12 in or receive funds under any program under  
13 title IV of such Act (20 U.S.C. 1070 et seq.),  
14 that the institution charge students who are  
15 citizens of the Federated States of Micronesia,  
16 the Republic of the Marshall Islands, or the Re-  
17 public of Palau tuition for attendance at a rate  
18 that is not greater than the rate charged for  
19 residents of the State in which such public in-  
20 stitution of higher education is located; and

21 (F) continue to make available, to eligible  
22 institutions of higher education, secondary  
23 schools, and nonprofit organizations in the Fed-  
24 erated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the  
25 Marshall Islands, and the Republic of Palau,

1 competitive grants under the Higher Education  
2 Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001 et seq.).

3 (2) OTHER FORMULA GRANTS.—Except as pro-  
4 vided in paragraph (1), the Secretary of Education  
5 shall not make a grant under any formula grant pro-  
6 gram administered by the Department of Education  
7 to the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic  
8 of the Marshall Islands, or the Republic of Palau.

9 (3) GRANTS TO THE FREELY ASSOCIATED  
10 STATES UNDER PART B OF THE INDIVIDUALS WITH  
11 DISABILITIES EDUCATION ACT.—Section 611(b)(1)  
12 of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act  
13 (20 U.S.C. 1411(b)(1)) is amended by striking sub-  
14 paragraph (A) and inserting the following:

15 “(A) FUNDS RESERVED.—From the  
16 amount appropriated for any fiscal year under  
17 subsection (i), the Secretary shall reserve not  
18 more than 1 percent, which shall be used as fol-  
19 lows:

20 “(i) To provide assistance to the out-  
21 lying areas in accordance with their respec-  
22 tive populations of individuals aged 3  
23 through 21.

24 “(ii)(I) To provide each freely associ-  
25 ated State a grant so that no freely associ-

1           ated State receives a lesser share of the  
2           total funds reserved for the freely associ-  
3           ated State than the freely associated State  
4           received of those funds for fiscal year  
5           2023.

6           “(II) Each freely associated State  
7           shall establish its eligibility under this sub-  
8           paragraph consistent with the require-  
9           ments for a State under section 612.

10          “(III) The funds provided to each  
11          freely associated State under this part may  
12          be used to provide, to each infant or tod-  
13          dler with a disability (as defined in section  
14          632), either a free appropriate public edu-  
15          cation, consistent with section 612, or  
16          early intervention services consistent with  
17          part C, notwithstanding the application  
18          and eligibility requirements of sections  
19          634(2), 635, and 637.”.

20               (4) TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS TO THE ELE-  
21               MENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION ACT OF  
22               1965.—The Elementary and Secondary Education  
23               Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 6301 et seq.) is amended—

1 (A) by striking subparagraph (A) of sec-  
2 tion 1121(b)(1) (20 U.S.C. 6331(b)(1)(A)) and  
3 inserting the following:

4 “(A) first reserve \$1,000,000 for the Re-  
5 public of Palau, subject to such terms and con-  
6 ditions as the Secretary may establish, except  
7 that Public Law 95–134, permitting the con-  
8 solidation of grants, shall not apply; and”;

9 (B) by striking paragraph (36) of section  
10 8101 (20 U.S.C. 7801(36)) and inserting the  
11 following:

12 “(36) OUTLYING AREA.—The term ‘outlying  
13 area’—

14 “(A) means American Samoa, the Com-  
15 monwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands,  
16 Guam, and the United States Virgin Islands;  
17 and

18 “(B) for the purpose of any discretionary  
19 grant program under this Act, includes the Re-  
20 public of the Marshall Islands, the Federated  
21 States of Micronesia, and the Republic of  
22 Palau, to the extent that any such grant pro-  
23 gram continues to be available to State and  
24 local governments in the United States.”.

1           (5) TECHNICAL AMENDMENT TO THE COMPACT  
2           OF FREE ASSOCIATION AMENDMENTS ACT OF 2003.—  
3           Section 105(f)(1)(B) of the Compact of Free Asso-  
4           ciation Amendments Act of 2003 (48 U.S.C.  
5           1921d(f)(1)(B)) is amended by striking clause (ix).

6           (6) HEAD START PROGRAMS.—

7           (A) DEFINITIONS.—Section 637 of the  
8           Head Start Act (42 U.S.C. 9832) is amended,  
9           in the paragraph defining the term “State”, by  
10          striking the second sentence and inserting “The  
11          term ‘State’ includes the Federated States of  
12          Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Is-  
13          lands, and the Republic of Palau.”.

14          (B) ALLOTMENT OF FUNDS.—Section  
15          640(a)(2)(B) of the Head Start Act (42 U.S.C.  
16          9835(a)(2)(B)) is amended—

17                 (i) in clause (iv), by inserting “the  
18                 Republic of Palau,” before “and the Virgin  
19                 Islands”; and

20                 (ii) by striking clause (v) and insert-  
21                 ing the following:

22                         “(v) if a base grant has been estab-  
23                         lished through appropriations for the Fed-  
24                         erated States of Micronesia or the Repub-  
25                         lic of the Marshall Islands, to provide an

1 amount for that jurisdiction (for Head  
2 Start agencies (including Early Head Start  
3 agencies) in the jurisdiction) that is equal  
4 to the amount provided for base grants for  
5 such jurisdiction under this subchapter for  
6 the prior fiscal year, by allotting to each  
7 agency described in this clause an amount  
8 equal to that agency's base grant for the  
9 prior fiscal year; and”.

10 (7) COORDINATION REQUIRED.—The Secretary  
11 of the Interior, in coordination with the Secretary of  
12 Education and the Secretary of Health and Human  
13 Services, as applicable, shall, to the maximum extent  
14 practicable, coordinate with the 3 United States ap-  
15 pointees to the Joint Economic Management Com-  
16 mittee described in section 4(b)(1) and the 2 United  
17 States appointees to the Joint Economic Manage-  
18 ment and Financial Accountability Committee de-  
19 scribed in section 5(d)(1) to avoid duplication of eco-  
20 nomic assistance for education provided under sec-  
21 tion 261(a)(1) of the 2023 Amended U.S.-FSM  
22 Compact or section 261(a)(1) of the 2023 Amended  
23 U.S.-RMI Compact of activities or services provided  
24 under—

1 (A) the Head Start Act (42 U.S.C. 9831  
2 et seq.);

3 (B) subpart 3 of part A of title IV of the  
4 Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.  
5 1070b et seq.); or

6 (C) part C of title IV of the Higher Edu-  
7 cation Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1087–51 et  
8 seq.).

9 (c) AUTHORIZATION OF DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE  
10 PROGRAMS.—

11 (1) DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE MEDICAL FA-  
12 CILITIES.—The Secretary of Defense shall make  
13 available, on a space available and reimbursable  
14 basis, the medical facilities of the Department of De-  
15 fense for use by citizens of the Federated States of  
16 Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands,  
17 and the Republic of Palau, who are properly referred  
18 to the facilities by government authorities respon-  
19 sible for provision of medical services in the Fed-  
20 erated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the  
21 Marshall Islands, the Republic of Palau, and the af-  
22 fected jurisdictions (as defined in section 104(e)(2)  
23 of the Compact of Free Association Amendments  
24 Act of 2003 (48 U.S.C. 1921c(e)(2))).

1           (2) PARTICIPATION BY SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN  
2           THE ARMED SERVICES VOCATIONAL APTITUDE BAT-  
3           TERY STUDENT TESTING PROGRAM.—It is the sense  
4           of Congress that the Department of Defense may ex-  
5           tend the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Bat-  
6           tery (ASVAB) Student Testing Program and the  
7           ASVAB Career Exploration Program to selected sec-  
8           ondary schools in the Federated States of Micro-  
9           nesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the  
10          Republic of Palau to the extent such programs are  
11          available to Department of Defense dependent sec-  
12          ondary schools established under section 2164 of  
13          title 10, United States Code, and located outside the  
14          United States.

15          (d) JUDICIAL TRAINING.—In addition to amounts  
16          provided under section 261(a)(4) of the 2023 Amended  
17          U.S.-FSM Compact and the 2023 Amended U.S.-RMI  
18          Compact and under subsections (a) and (b) of Article 1  
19          of the 2023 U.S.-Palau Compact Review Agreement, for  
20          each of fiscal years 2024 through 2043, the Secretary of  
21          the Interior shall use the amounts made available to the  
22          Secretary of the Interior under section 10(c) to train  
23          judges and officials of the judiciary in the Federated  
24          States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands,  
25          and the Republic of Palau, in cooperation with the Pacific

1 Islands Committee of the judicial council of the ninth judi-  
2 cial circuit of the United States.

3 (e) ELIGIBILITY FOR THE REPUBLIC OF PALAU.—

4 (1) NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE CORPS.—The  
5 Secretary of Health and Human Services shall make  
6 the services of the National Health Service Corps  
7 available to the residents of the Federated States of  
8 Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands,  
9 and the Republic of Palau to the same extent, and  
10 for the same duration, as services are authorized to  
11 be provided to persons residing in any other areas  
12 within or outside the United States.

13 (2) ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS AND SERVICES.—

14 The Republic of Palau shall be eligible for the pro-  
15 grams and services made available to the Federated  
16 States of Micronesia and the Republic of the Mar-  
17 shall Islands under section 108(a) of the Compact of  
18 Free Association Amendments Act of 2003 (48  
19 U.S.C. 1921g(a)).

20 (3) PROGRAMS AND SERVICES OF CERTAIN

21 AGENCIES.—In addition to the programs and serv-  
22 ices set forth in the operative Federal Programs and  
23 Services Agreement between the United States and  
24 the Republic of Palau, the programs and services of

1 the following agencies shall be made available to the  
2 Republic of Palau:

3 (A) The Legal Services Corporation.

4 (B) The Public Health Service.

5 (C) The Rural Housing Service.

6 (f) COMPACT IMPACT FAIRNESS.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 402 of the Personal  
8 Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation  
9 Act of 1996 (8 U.S.C. 1612) is amended—

10 (A) in subsection (a)(2), by adding at the  
11 end the following:

12 “(N) EXCEPTION FOR CITIZENS OF FREE-  
13 LY ASSOCIATED STATES.—With respect to eligi-  
14 bility for benefits for any specified Federal pro-  
15 gram, paragraph (1) shall not apply to any in-  
16 dividual who lawfully resides in the United  
17 States in accordance with section 141 of the  
18 Compacts of Free Association between the Gov-  
19 ernment of the United States and the Govern-  
20 ments of the Federated States of Micronesia,  
21 the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the  
22 Republic of Palau.”; and

23 (B) in subsection (b)(2)(G)—

1 (i) in the subparagraph heading, by  
2 striking “MEDICAID EXCEPTION FOR” and  
3 inserting “EXCEPTION FOR”; and

4 (ii) by striking “the designated Fed-  
5 eral program defined in paragraph (3)(C)  
6 (relating to the Medicaid program)” and  
7 inserting “any designated Federal pro-  
8 gram”.

9 (2) EXCEPTION TO 5-YEAR WAIT REQUIRE-  
10 MENT.—Section 403(b)(3) of the Personal Responsi-  
11 bility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of  
12 1996 (8 U.S.C. 1613(b)(3)) is amended by striking  
13 “, but only with respect to the designated Federal  
14 program defined in section 402(b)(3)(C)”.

15 (3) DEFINITION OF QUALIFIED ALIEN.—Section  
16 431(b)(8) of the Personal Responsibility and Work  
17 Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 (8 U.S.C.  
18 1641(b)(8)) is amended by striking “, but only with  
19 respect to the designated Federal program defined  
20 in section 402(b)(3)(C) (relating to the Medicaid  
21 program)”.

22 (g) CONSULTATION WITH INTERNATIONAL FINAN-  
23 CIAL INSTITUTIONS.—The Secretary of the Treasury, in  
24 coordination with the Secretary of the Interior and the  
25 Secretary of State, shall consult with appropriate officials

1 of the Asian Development Bank and relevant international  
2 financial institutions (as defined in section 1701(c) of the  
3 International Financial Institutions Act (22 U.S.C.  
4 262r(e))), as appropriate, with respect to overall economic  
5 conditions in, and the activities of other providers of as-  
6 sistance to, the Freely Associated States.

7 (h) CHIEF OF MISSION.—Section 105(b) of the Com-  
8 pact of Free Association Amendments Act of 2003 (48  
9 U.S.C. 1921d(b)) is amended by striking paragraph (5)  
10 and inserting the following:

11 “(5) Pursuant to section 207 of the Foreign  
12 Service Act of 1980 (22 U.S.C. 3927), all United  
13 States Government executive branch employees in  
14 the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of  
15 the Marshall Islands, and the Republic of Palau fall  
16 under the authority of the respective applicable chief  
17 of mission, except for employees identified as ex-  
18 cepted from the authority under Federal law or by  
19 Presidential directive.”.

20 (i) ESTABLISHMENT OF A UNIT FOR THE FREELY  
21 ASSOCIATED STATES IN THE BUREAU OF EAST ASIAN  
22 AND PACIFIC AFFAIRS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
23 AND INCREASING PERSONNEL FOCUSED ON OCEANIA.—

24 (1) DEFINITION OF APPROPRIATE CONGRES-  
25 SIONAL COMMITTEES.—In this subsection, the term

1 “appropriate congressional committees” means the  
2 Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate and  
3 the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of  
4 Representatives.

5 (2) REQUIREMENTS.—The Secretary of State  
6 shall—

7 (A) assign additional full-time equivalent  
8 personnel to the Office of Australia, New Zea-  
9 land, and Pacific Island Affairs of the Bureau  
10 of East Asian and Pacific Affairs of the De-  
11 partment of State, including to the unit estab-  
12 lished under subparagraph (B), as the Sec-  
13 retary of State determines to be appropriate, in  
14 accordance with paragraph (4)(A); and

15 (B) establish a unit in the Bureau of East  
16 Asian and Pacific Affairs of the Department of  
17 State to carry out the functions described in  
18 paragraph (3).

19 (3) FUNCTIONS OF UNIT.—The unit established  
20 under paragraph (2)(B) shall be responsible for the  
21 following:

22 (A) Managing the bilateral and regional re-  
23 lations with the Freely Associated States.

24 (B) Supporting the Secretary of State in  
25 leading negotiations relating to the Compacts of

1 Free Association with the Freely Associated  
2 States.

3 (C) Coordinating, in consultation with the  
4 Department of the Interior, the Department of  
5 Defense, and other interagency partners as ap-  
6 propriate, implementation of the Compacts of  
7 Free Association with the Freely Associated  
8 States.

9 (4) FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT EMPLOYEES.—The  
10 Secretary of State shall—

11 (A) not later than 5 years after the date  
12 of enactment of this joint resolution, assign to  
13 the Office of Australia, New Zealand, and Pa-  
14 cific Island Affairs of the Bureau of East Asian  
15 and Pacific Affairs, including to the unit estab-  
16 lished under paragraph (2)(B), not less than 4  
17 additional full-time equivalent staff, who shall  
18 not be dual-hatted, including by considering—

19 (i) the use of existing flexible hiring  
20 authorities, including Domestic Employees  
21 Teleworking Overseas (DETOs); and

22 (ii) the realignment of existing per-  
23 sonnel, including from the United States  
24 Mission in Australia, as appropriate;

1           (B) reduce the number of vacant foreign  
2           service positions in the Pacific Island region by  
3           establishing an incentive program within the  
4           Foreign Service for overseas positions related to  
5           the Pacific Island region; and

6           (C) report to the appropriate congressional  
7           committees on progress toward objectives out-  
8           lined in this subsection beginning 1 year from  
9           the date of enactment of this joint resolution  
10          and annually thereafter for 5 years.

11          (j) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—Section 105 of the  
12          Compact of Free Association Amendments Act of 2003  
13          (48 U.S.C. 1921d) is amended by striking subsection (j)  
14          and inserting the following:

15          “(j) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—

16                 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Technical assistance may  
17                 be provided pursuant to section 224 of the 2023  
18                 Amended U.S.-FSM Compact, section 224 of the  
19                 2023 Amended U.S.-RMI Compact, or section 222  
20                 of the U.S.-Palau Compact (as those terms are de-  
21                 fined in section 2 of the Compact of Free Associa-  
22                 tion Amendments Act of 2023) by Federal agencies  
23                 and institutions of the Government of the United  
24                 States to the extent the assistance shall be provided  
25                 to States, territories, or units of local government.

1           “(2) HISTORIC PRESERVATION.—

2                   “(A) IN GENERAL.—Any technical assist-  
3           ance authorized under paragraph (1) that is  
4           provided by the Forest Service, the Natural Re-  
5           sources Conservation Service, the United States  
6           Fish and Wildlife Service, the National Marine  
7           Fisheries Service, the United States Coast  
8           Guard, the Advisory Council on Historic Pres-  
9           ervation, the Department of the Interior, or any  
10          other Federal agency providing assistance  
11          under division A of subtitle III of title 54,  
12          United States Code, may be provided on a non-  
13          reimbursable basis.

14                   “(B) GRANTS.—During the period in  
15          which the 2023 Amended U.S.-FSM Compact  
16          (as so defined) and the 2023 Amended U.S.-  
17          RMI Compact (as so defined) are in force, the  
18          grant programs under division A of subtitle III  
19          of title 54, United States Code, shall continue  
20          to apply to the Federated States of Micronesia  
21          and the Republic of the Marshall Islands in the  
22          same manner and to the same extent as those  
23          programs applied prior to the approval of the  
24          U.S.-FSM Compact and U.S.-RMI Compact.

1           “(3) ADDITIONAL FUNDS.—Any funds provided  
2           pursuant to this subsection, subsections (c), (g), (h),  
3           (i), (k), (l), and (m), section 102(a), and subsections  
4           (a), (b), (f), (g), (h), and (j) of section 103 shall be  
5           in addition to, and not charged against, any  
6           amounts to be paid to the Federated States of Mi-  
7           cronesia or the Republic of the Marshall Islands pur-  
8           suant to—

9                   “(A) the U.S.-FSM Compact;

10                   “(B) the U.S.-RMI Compact; or

11                   “(C) any related subsidiary agreement.”.

12           (k) CONTINUING TRUST TERRITORY AUTHORIZA-  
13           TION.—The authorization provided by the Act of June 30,  
14           1954 (68 Stat. 330, chapter 423), shall remain available  
15           after the effective date of the 2023 Amended U.S.-FSM  
16           Compact and the 2023 Amended U.S.-RMI Compact with  
17           respect to the Federated States of Micronesia and the Re-  
18           public of the Marshall Islands for transition purposes, in-  
19           cluding—

20                   (1) completion of projects and fulfillment of  
21                   commitments or obligations;

22                   (2) termination of the Trust Territory Govern-  
23                   ment and termination of the High Court;

24                   (3) health and education as a result of excep-  
25                   tional circumstances;

1 (4) ex gratia contributions for the populations  
2 of Bikini, Enewetak, Rongelap, and Utrik; and

3 (5) technical assistance and training in finan-  
4 cial management, program administration, and  
5 maintenance of infrastructure.

6 (l) TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS.—

7 (1) PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE ACT DEFINI-  
8 TION.—Section 2(f) of the Public Health Service Act  
9 (42 U.S.C. 201(f)) is amended by striking “and the  
10 Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands” and inserting  
11 “the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of  
12 the Marshall Islands, and the Republic of Palau”.

13 (2) COMPACT IMPACT AMENDMENTS.—Section  
14 104(e) of the Compact of Free Association Amend-  
15 ments Act of 2003 (48 U.S.C. 1921c(e)) is amend-  
16 ed—

17 (A) in paragraph (4)—

18 (i) in subparagraph (A), by striking  
19 “beginning in fiscal year 2003” and insert-  
20 ing “during the period of fiscal years 2003  
21 through 2023”; and

22 (ii) in subparagraph (C), by striking  
23 “after fiscal year 2003” and inserting “for  
24 the period of fiscal years 2004 through  
25 2023”;

1 (B) by striking paragraph (5); and  
2 (C) by redesignating paragraphs (6)  
3 through (10) as paragraphs (5) through (9), re-  
4 spectively.

5 **SEC. 9. ADDITIONAL AUTHORITIES.**

6 (a) AGENCIES, DEPARTMENTS, AND INSTRUMENTAL-  
7 ITIES.—

8 (1) IN GENERAL.—Appropriations to carry out  
9 the obligations, services, and programs described in  
10 paragraph (2) shall be made directly to the Federal  
11 agencies, departments, and instrumentalities car-  
12 rying out the obligations, services and programs.

13 (2) OBLIGATIONS, SERVICES, AND PROGRAMS  
14 DESCRIBED.—The obligations, services, and pro-  
15 grams referred to in paragraphs (1) and (3) are the  
16 obligations, services, and programs under—

17 (A) sections 131 and 132, paragraphs (1)  
18 and (3) through (6) of section 221(a), and sec-  
19 tion 221(b) of the 2023 Amended U.S.-FSM  
20 Compact;

21 (B) sections 131 and 132, paragraphs (1)  
22 and (3) through (6) of section 221(a), and sec-  
23 tion 221(b) of the 2023 Amended U.S.-RMI  
24 Compact;

1 (C) sections 131 and 132 and paragraphs  
2 (1), (3), and (4) of section 221(a) of the U.S.-  
3 Palau Compact;

4 (D) Article 6 of the 2023 U.S.-Palau Com-  
5 pact Review Agreement; and

6 (E) section 8.

7 (3) **AUTHORITY.**—The heads of the Federal  
8 agencies, departments, and instrumentalities to  
9 which appropriations are made available under para-  
10 graph (1) as well as the Federal Deposit Insurance  
11 Corporation shall—

12 (A) have the authority to carry out any ac-  
13 tivities that are necessary to fulfill the obliga-  
14 tions, services, and programs described in para-  
15 graph (2); and

16 (B) use available funds to carry out the ac-  
17 tivities under subparagraph (A).

18 (b) **ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE.**—Any assistance pro-  
19 vided pursuant to section 105(j) of the Compact of Free  
20 Association Amendments Act of 2003 (48 U.S.C.  
21 1921d(j)) (as amended by section 8(j)) and sections 4(a),  
22 5(a), 6(b), and 8 shall be in addition to and not charged  
23 against any amounts to be paid to the Federated States  
24 of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and  
25 the Republic of Palau pursuant to—

- 1 (1) the 2023 Amended U.S.-FSM Compact;
- 2 (2) the 2023 Amended U.S.-RMI Compact;
- 3 (3) the 2023 U.S.-Palau Compact Review
- 4 Agreement; or
- 5 (4) any related subsidiary agreement.

6 (c) REMAINING BALANCES.—Notwithstanding any  
7 other provision of law, including section 109 of the Com-  
8 pact of Free Association Amendments Act of 2003 (48  
9 U.S.C. 1921h)—

10 (1) remaining balances appropriated to carry  
11 out sections 211, 212(b), 215, and 217 of the 2023  
12 Amended U.S.-FSM Compact, shall be programmed  
13 pursuant to Article IX of the 2023 U.S.-FSM Fiscal  
14 Procedures Agreement; and

15 (2) remaining balances appropriated to carry  
16 out sections 211, 213(b), 216, and 218 of the 2023  
17 Amended U.S.-RMI Compact, shall be programmed  
18 pursuant to Article XI of the 2023 U.S.-RMI Fiscal  
19 Procedures Agreement.

20 (d) GRANTS.—Notwithstanding any other provision  
21 of law—

22 (1) contributions under the 2023 Amended  
23 U.S.-FSM Compact, the 2023 U.S.-Palau Compact  
24 Review Agreement, and the 2023 Amended U.S.-  
25 RMI Compact may be provided as grants for pur-

1 poses of implementation of the 2023 Amended U.S.-  
2 FSM Compact, the 2023 U.S.-Palau Compact Re-  
3 view Agreement, and the 2023 Amended U.S.-RMI  
4 Compact under the laws of the United States; and

5 (2) funds appropriated pursuant to section 10  
6 may be deposited in interest-bearing accounts and  
7 any interest earned may be retained in and form  
8 part of those accounts for use consistent with the  
9 purpose of the deposit.

10 (e) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Except as specifically  
11 provided, nothing in this joint resolution or the amend-  
12 ments made by this joint resolution amends the following:

13 (1) Title I of the Compact of Free Association  
14 Act of 1985 (48 U.S.C. 1901 et seq.).

15 (2) Title I of Public Law 99–658 (48 U.S.C.  
16 1931 et seq.).

17 (3) Title I of the Compact of Free Association  
18 Amendments Act of 2003 (48 U.S.C. 1921 et seq.).

19 (4) Section 1259C of the National Defense Au-  
20 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018 (48 U.S.C.  
21 1931 note; Public Law 115–91).

22 (5) The Department of the Interior, Environ-  
23 ment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act,  
24 2018 (Public Law 115–141; 132 Stat. 635).

1 (f) CLARIFICATION RELATING TO APPROPRIATED  
2 FUNDS.—Notwithstanding section 109 of the Compacts of  
3 Free Association Amendments Act of 2003 (48 U.S.C.  
4 1921h)—

5 (1) funds appropriated by that section and de-  
6 posited into the RMI Compact Trust Fund shall be  
7 governed by the 2023 U.S.-RMI Trust Fund Agree-  
8 ment on entry into force of the 2023 U.S.-RMI  
9 Trust Fund Agreement;

10 (2) funds appropriated by that section and de-  
11 posited into the FSM Compact Trust Fund shall be  
12 governed by the 2023 U.S.-FSM Trust Fund Agree-  
13 ment on entry into force of the 2023 U.S.-FSM  
14 Trust Fund Agreement;

15 (3) funds appropriated by that section and  
16 made available for fiscal year 2024 or any fiscal year  
17 thereafter as grants to carry out the purposes of sec-  
18 tion 211(b) of the 2003 U.S.-RMI Amended Com-  
19 pact shall be subject to the provisions of the 2023  
20 U.S.-RMI Fiscal Procedures Agreement on entry  
21 into force of the 2023 U.S.-RMI Fiscal Procedures  
22 Agreement;

23 (4) funds appropriated by that section and  
24 made available for fiscal year 2024 or any fiscal year  
25 thereafter as grants to carry out the purposes of sec-

1       tion 221 of the 2003 U.S.-RMI Amended Compact  
2       shall be subject to the provisions of the 2023 U.S.-  
3       RMI Fiscal Procedures Agreement on entry into  
4       force of the 2023 U.S.-RMI Fiscal Procedures  
5       Agreement, except as modified in the Federal Pro-  
6       grams and Services Agreement in force between the  
7       United States and the Republic of the Marshall Is-  
8       lands; and

9               (5) funds appropriated by that section and  
10       made available for fiscal year 2024 or any fiscal year  
11       thereafter as grants to carry out the purposes of sec-  
12       tion 221 of the 2003 U.S.-FSM Amended Compact  
13       shall be subject to the provisions of the 2023 U.S.-  
14       FSM Fiscal Procedures Agreement on entry into  
15       force of the 2023 U.S.-FSM Fiscal Procedures  
16       Agreement, except as modified in the 2023 U.S.-  
17       FSM Federal Programs and Services Agreement.

18 **SEC. 10. COMPACT APPROPRIATIONS.**

19       (a) **FUNDING FOR ACTIVITIES OF THE SECRETARY**  
20 **OF THE INTERIOR.**—For the period of fiscal years 2024  
21 through 2043, there are appropriated to the Compact of  
22 Free Association account of the Department of the Inte-  
23 rior, out of any funds in the Treasury not otherwise appro-  
24 priated, to remain available until expended, the amounts  
25 described in and to carry out the purposes of—

1           (1) sections 261, 265, and 266 of the 2023  
2 Amended U.S.-FSM Compact;

3           (2) sections 261, 265, and 266 of the 2023  
4 Amended U.S.-RMI Compact; and

5           (3) Articles 1, 2, and 3 of the 2023 U.S.-Palau  
6 Compact Review Agreement.

7           (b) FUNDING FOR ACTIVITIES OF THE UNITED  
8 STATES POSTAL SERVICE.—

9           (1) APPROPRIATION.—There is appropriated to  
10 the United States Postal Service, out of any funds  
11 in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated for each  
12 of fiscal years 2024 through 2043, \$31,700,000, to  
13 remain available until expended, to carry out the  
14 costs of the following provisions that are not other-  
15 wise funded:

16                   (A) Section 221(a)(2) of the 2023 Amend-  
17 ed U.S.-FSM Compact.

18                   (B) Section 221(a)(2) of the 2023 Amend-  
19 ed U.S.-RMI Compact.

20                   (C) Section 221(a)(2) of the U.S.-Palau  
21 Compact.

22                   (D) Article 6(a) of the 2023 U.S.-Palau  
23 Compact Review Agreement.

24           (2) DEPOSIT.—

1           (A) IN GENERAL.—The amounts appro-  
2           priated to the United States Postal Service  
3           under paragraph (1) shall be deposited into the  
4           Postal Service Fund established under section  
5           2003 of title 39, United States Code, to carry  
6           out the provisions described in that paragraph.

7           (B) REQUIREMENT.—Any amounts depos-  
8           ited into the Postal Service Fund under sub-  
9           paragraph (A) shall be the fiduciary, fiscal, and  
10          audit responsibility of the Postal Service.

11          (c) FUNDING FOR JUDICIAL TRAINING.—There is  
12          appropriated to the Secretary of the Interior to carry out  
13          section 8(d) out of any funds in the Treasury not other-  
14          wise appropriated, \$550,000 for each of fiscal years 2024  
15          through 2043, to remain available until expended.

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